

### English

Reading is a fundamental part of your child's literacy education and we regularly read individually and take part in whole class guided reading. Please support your child by practising at home daily too. You will have also received a copy of the Y3 spellings, which will be practised in school but also need to be practised at home too.

In our writing work, we will identify the differences between instructions and explanations. We will explore the poems of Robert Louis Stevenson, learning some by heart and then writing poems using rhyming couplets. We will read Dick King-Smith's *The Hodgeheg* and explore plot, character and dialogue.

### Maths

We will be looking at place value in 3 digit numbers and money. We will use our knowledge of place value to help with mental calculation. We will be learning about fractions. We will order fractions, count up and down in fractions steps and find fractions of amounts. We will be learning about angles and shapes including properties such as lines of symmetry, parallel and perpendicular lines.

### R.E.

Mrs Joel continues to teach R.E. on a Tuesday afternoon. This term she will be thinking about 'Jesus who changes people's lives' and 'Joy, Sadness, Joy' in the run up to Easter.

## Year 3 Spring Term Countries of the world and Rainforests

### Key Vocabulary

country	mountain
forest	polar
rainforest	climate
capital city	vegetation
tropical	currency
continent	language
temperate	deforestation
river	

### P.E.

We are very lucky to have two coaches working with Y3 this term. On Monday's we will be joined by a cricket coach and we will have a dance coach who will be teaching the children on Thursday afternoons. I will be teaching the children ball skills including learning to make better use of space and starting to think more carefully about the use of tactics in small sided games.

### Science

We start the term thinking about forces in terms of pushes and pulls, moving on to investigate magnetism as a force that does not require contact. We investigate which materials are magnetic and carry out several investigations including testing the strength of different magnets. After half term we move on to explore rocks and soils. We will spend time naming and exploring rocks including investigating their properties before looking at different types of soil.

### Geography

Our big focus during this first half term will be on the 'Countries of the World'. We start by recapping the seven continents before looking more closely at their countries, including capital cities and their geographical features such as tallest mountains, longest rivers, culture and religion. After the holidays we move on to explore 'Forests', starting with a look at our local wooded area before comparing this to the tropical forests found overseas such as the Amazon rainforest.

### Art/D.T.

We will be looking at botanical art. We will make careful observations, mix different tints, shades and tones of colour, and learn how to create depth in a picture.

### Computing

First, we will be focusing on Online Safety and learning skills to be a safe and responsible digital citizen. After half term, we will be exploring the difference between the internet and the World Wide Web

### Music

Mrs Joel continues to teach the children music on a Monday afternoon and will be teaching the children about rhythm and the pentatonic scale.

### PSHE

We will be learning about relationships and we will discuss feelings, emotions, conflict resolution and friendships.

### Wider Curriculum

Ballroom dancing coach

Ballroom dancing performance at Blackpool Tower

Ballroom

Cricket Coach

### Values

Thankfulness